

BIOGRAPHY: COL JON S. LEHR, COMMANDER, 4TH STRYKER BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION

COL Jon S. Lehr was born in Dover, Pennsylvania in 1958. Upon graduation from high school he worked and attended college until enlisting in the Army National Guard in 1978. Upon completion of Special Forces training he was assigned to Company B, 2nd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group (ABN) as a light/heavy weapons specialist on an Operational Detachment, A Team.

In December 1982, COL Lehr was commissioned in the Infantry from the Gettysburg ROTC program. Following the Officer Basic Course he was assigned as a Rifle Platoon Leader in 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, and Republic of Korea. Upon return from 2nd Infantry Division he was assigned to 3d Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment from 1984-1987 as a Weapons Platoon Leader, Rifle Platoon Leader and Assistant S3. In 1988 he was assigned to 2nd Infantry Division, Korea for a second tour. His jobs included S4, Commander, Company B, 1-503d Infantry and Commander, HHC, 2nd Infantry Brigade. In October 1990, COL Lehr was assigned to 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, where he served as the S4 and C Company Commander.



Following graduation from Command & General Staff Officer's Course in 1995, he was assigned to 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT) where he served as a Battalion and Brigade S3. From July 1997 to June 1999 COL Lehr was assigned to Operations Group Bravo, Battle Command Training Program, Fort Leavenworth Kansas, as a Brigade Observer/Controller. From 1999-2001, he commanded the 3-327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. Following command, he was assigned to the Marine Corps University as a Small Group Instructor in the Marine Corps Command & Staff College, Quantico Virginia. In March of 2003, a Temporary Change of Station (TCS) took place, reassigning COL Lehr as the DCO of 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division during OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. Following attendance to the Marine Corps War College, COL Lehr was assigned as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, United States Forces Korea, from June 2004 to January 2005. Upon return from Korea, he took command of the Brigade on 24th of February at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

COL Lehr holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from York College of Pennsylvania, a Masters of Science in General Administration from Central Michigan University and a Masters of Science in Strategic Studies from the Marine Corps War College. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (6th award), the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutist, Pathfinder, Air Assault Badges, Ranger Tab and Special Forces Tab.